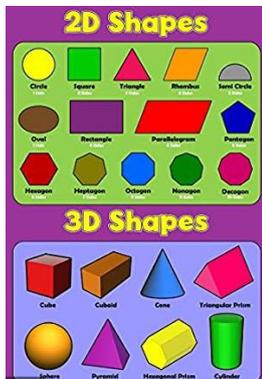
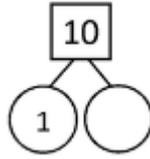




Curriculum Newsletter for St Francis Class – Reception Children
Half Term 5 2020-2021

The children have really embraced us all being back in the classroom together and are continuing to make us all proud. We can hardly believe that we are already in the Summer Term and that their first year at Sacred Heart is going so quickly!

Maths – As a class we will be revising number bonds to 10 and also counting on and back from a given number. We will spend a couple of weeks focusing on shape, space and measure. We will explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them. The children will start by using positional and directional language before moving on to describing and comparing 3D and 2D



shapes. Children will be introduced to shapes and their properties with a focus on rolling and stacking with 3D shapes and viewing 2D shapes in different orientations. We will then be recognising , extending, creating and explaining simple repeating patterns, not just in pictures but in everyday environments e.g. sounds, words and actions.

English- We will be looking at three stories linking to our topic ‘Are we there yet?’ We will be predicting what the story will be about, using our sounds to write captions and sentences and becoming more confident at reading back what we have written. We will continue to learn and write irregular common words.



Phonics

We will be revising the Phase 3 sounds and the high frequency words learned so far. We will begin to read two-syllable words and continue to practice segmentation for spelling. We will also continue to practice blending for reading

RE - Our topic for this term is: **New Life**

We will be looking for signs of spring and new life all around us. We will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and talk about how this brings us all Easter joy. We will learn how Jesus appeared to His disciples and then how He ascended back to His Father in Heaven.



PE – In PE this term we will be learning about:

Athletics – We will be improving running for distance and exploring sprinting techniques. We will also be developing a range of jumping and throwing skills used in athletics specific events such as javelin and long jump. The children thoroughly enjoy their PE lesson with Mr Gibson and are actively engaged and involved each week, developing their personal skills in confidence, listening and also physical ability.

The children will be taught in a creative way through **themes and topics**, through a given theme we then cover key skills from all aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Through the activities we plan we aim that the children are engaged in their learning through play through exploration and investigation.

Curriculum- This half term our topic is ‘Are we there yet?’

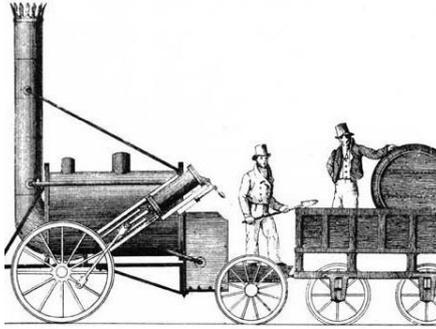
Communication and Language- As a class, we will be making predictions and then evaluating our results of observations and experiments. We will be encouraged to reason and explain our thinking and findings when conducting our own experiments and tests. We will be encouraged to ask questions that can be tested and experiment growing cress and beans.



Health and Self Care

We will continue to spend time talking to the children about the importance of hand hygiene.

The World– We will be using simple compass directions, location and directional language whilst carrying out some simple fieldwork around our school grounds. We will be looking at aerial photographs of our school and making our own maps using geographical vocabulary to identify and describe the features. We will be learning to identify landmarks and basic human and physical features. We will also conduct a traffic survey first hand to enhance our locational awareness and compare traffic in two places. We will talk about features of our own immediate environment and how environments may vary from one another. In Science, we will be making observations of plants and explaining why some things occur, and talk about the changes. .



People and Communities – We will be learning about the life of George Stephenson as a significant person. We will also be finding out about the history of the train. We will order this information on a timeline and find out how and why trains have changed over time.

Expressive Arts and Design- We will be communicating our ideas to plan and design a boat through talking about our ideas and drawing them. We will select from and use a wide range of materials according to their characteristics to make the design. We will also evaluate and test our ideas and designs.

To help your child at home you could - Reading

Where possible we would recommend you hear your child read daily. 5-10 minutes every day really helps the children to consolidate their decoding and word reading as well as encouraging a love of reading.



General information

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on Tuesdays. Every other day the children need to be in their school uniform.

We kindly ask that the children have a water bottle in school daily.

We are hoping the weather continues to improve, can we please ask children come with a sun hat and sun cream applied in the morning before school.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office

Best Wishes

Mrs C Gilhooly and Mrs S Fisher